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Add at the end of division C the following:

1 TITLE XXXVI—FARM AND RANCH
2 MENTAL HEALTH

3 SEC. 3601. PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT CAMPAIGN
4 TO ADDRESS FARM AND RANCH MENTAL
5 HEALTH.

6 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Agriculture, in
7 consultation with the Secretary of Health and Human
8 Services, shall carry out a public service announcement
9 campaign to address the mental health of farmers and
10 ranchers.

11 (b) REQUIREMENTS.—The public service announce-
12 ment campaign under subsection (a) shall include tele-
13 vision, radio, print, outdoor, and digital public service an-
14 nouncements.

15 (c) CONTRACTOR.—The Secretary of Agriculture may
16 enter into a contract or other agreement with a third party
17 to carry out the public service announcement campaign
18 under subsection (a).

1 (d) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There is
2 authorized to be appropriated to the Secretary of Agri-
3 culture to carry out this section \$3,000,000, to remain
4 available until expended.

5 **SEC. 3602. EMPLOYEE TRAINING PROGRAM TO MANAGE**
6 **FARMER AND RANCHER STRESS.**

7 (a) IN GENERAL.—Subtitle A of the Department of
8 Agriculture Reorganization Act of 1994 (7 U.S.C. 6912
9 et seq.) is amended by adding at the end the following:
10 **“SEC. 224B. EMPLOYEE TRAINING PROGRAM TO MANAGE**
11 **FARMER AND RANCHER STRESS.**

12 “(a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall establish a
13 voluntary program to train employees of the Farm Service
14 Agency, the Risk Management Agency, and the Natural
15 Resources Conservation Service in the management of
16 stress experienced by farmers and ranchers, including the
17 detection of stress and suicide prevention.

18 “(b) REQUIREMENT.—Not later than 180 days after
19 the date on which the Secretary submits a report on the
20 results of the pilot program being carried out by the Sec-
21 retary as of the date of enactment of this section to train
22 employees of the Department in the management of stress
23 experienced by farmers and ranchers, and based on the
24 recommendations contained in that report, the Secretary

1 shall develop a training program to carry out subsection
2 (a).

3 “(c) REPORT.—Not less frequently than once every
4 2 years, the Secretary shall submit to the Committee on
5 Agriculture of the House of Representatives and the Com-
6 mittee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry of the Sen-
7 ate a report describing the implementation of this sec-
8 tion.”.

9 (b) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—

10 (1) Subtitle A of the Department of Agriculture
11 Reorganization Act of 1994 is amended by redesignig-
12 nating section 225 (7 U.S.C. 6925) as section 224A.

13 (2) Section 296(b) of the Department of Agri-
14 culture Reorganization Act of 1994 (7 U.S.C.
15 7014(b)) is amended by adding at the end the fol-
16 lowing:

17 “(11) The authority of the Secretary to carry
18 out section 224B.”.

19 **SEC. 3603. TASK FORCE FOR ASSESSMENT OF CAUSES OF**
20 **MENTAL STRESS AND BEST PRACTICES FOR**
21 **RESPONSE.**

22 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Agriculture shall
23 convene a task force of agricultural and rural stakeholders
24 at the national, State, and local levels—

1 (1) to assess the causes of mental stress in
2 farmers and ranchers; and

3 (2) to identify best practices for responding to
4 that mental stress.

5 (b) SUBMISSION OF REPORT.—Not later than 1 year
6 after the date of enactment of this Act, the task force con-
7 vened under subsection (a) shall submit to the Secretary
8 of Agriculture a report containing the assessment and best
9 practices under paragraphs (1) and (2), respectively, of
10 subsection (a).

11 (c) COLLABORATION.—In carrying out this section,
12 the task force convened under subsection (a) shall collabo-
13 rate with nongovernmental organizations and State and
14 local agencies.

